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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,300,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

## NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN, from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT,  
p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

## COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th of 1848, 1848.)

RECOGNIZED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....\$23,200,000.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE,  
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AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:  
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,  
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THE BANK OF ENGLAND,  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VUILLEMONT,  
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

## Banks.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.  
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
" 3 " 2 per cent. "  
" 1 " 1 per cent. "

H. H. NELSON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS,

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

## Entertainment.

V. R.

## CARRISON THEATRE.

BY Kind Permission of HIS EXCELLENCE THE MAJOR GENERAL, COMMANDING, and under Patronage of LIEUT.-COL. GEDDES and OFFICERS 27TH INNISKILLINGS, the INNISKILLING CHRISTY MINSTRELS beg to announce to the Garrison and the Public their intention of giving two PERFORMANCES IN THE ABOVE THEATRE,

**THIS & TO-MORROW EVENINGS,**  
the 14th and 15th JULY, 1879,  
For the benefit of the Widows and Orphans

CAUSED BY THE CAPE WAR.

Programme.

SONGS,  
COMIC SONGS,  
CLOG DANCE,  
CORNET SOLO,  
COMIC DUET,

"THE ZULU WARRIORS,"  
NEGRO FAROE,  
"OLD HUNKS."

To conclude each Evening with the PLANTATION WALK ROUND.

**"WHOSE DAT FOOT A BURNING."**

By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel GEDDES and OFFICERS, a portion of the Band of 27th Inniskillings will attend.

Prices of Admission:

Front Seats.....One Dollar.  
Second do.....50 Cents.  
Third do.....25 ".

Tickets can be obtained at the OFFICERS' MESS, SERGEANTS' MISSES, CANTERNS, R.A., and 27TH INNISKILLINGS, and at the DOOR on the Nights of Performance.

Doors Open at.....8.30 p.m.  
To Commence at.....9.00 "

FUNKS will be kept in motion during the Performance.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

Hongkong, July 14, 1879. jy16

## Intimations.

WANTED for the SAILORS' HOME, A STEWARD. Apply to the Under-signed.

H. G. THOMSETT,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, July 4, 1879. jy18

WANTED by a Young PORTUGUESE, who has some knowledge of Book-keeping, a SITUATION in a Mercantile office. Only moderate Salary required.

Address "A. C.", care of Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, July 8, 1879. jy15

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of October, DE EASTLACKE will receive his ATTENTIVE & NEW DEPTAL ROOMS, NO. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 28, 1879.

## Intimations.

## EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, Latest Editions.

CAVENISH ON WHIST.

POLE'S THEORY OF WHIST.

WALKER'S CORRECT CARD.

BALEBRIGGAN UNDERSHIRTS (A Novelty).

WIRE RAT TRAPS.

BULL'S EYE LANTERNS.

BATH SPONGES.

WHITE BRO'S PORTLAND CEMENT.

LAWN TENNIS BATS, BALLS and NETS.

LAWN BOWLS, QUOITS and OTHER GAMES.

Scotch Home-made JAMS and JELLIES.

PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS.

ICE PITCHERS and PAILS.

AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS.

French BOOTS and SHOES.

English BOOTS and SHOES.

CHRISTY'S BLACK and DRAB HATS.

"YOU DIRTY BOY."

COPE'S GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.

American GOLDEN LEAF TOBACCO.

Well-Scented CIGARS.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES and CIGAR TUBES.

POCKET-KNIVES.

QUININE.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVOLVERS.

SPIRIT LEVELS.

New Style CHIT BOOKS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, June 10, 1879.

NOTICE OF FIRMS.

## NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

THE Authority to Sign Bills of Lading

by this COMPANY'S STEAMERS, granted to Mr. J. J. HOWARD, is hereby re-

voked, and Mr. C. L. GORHAM is autho-

rized to Sign until further notice.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879. jy17

## NOTICE.

THIS Undersigned has established him-

self at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMMETT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS intrusted for SALE will be

fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st JULY, 1879, our Business

in HONGKONG will be CONDUCTED under the Firm or Style of NORONHA & Co., and at Shanghai under that of NO-

RONHA & SONS.

Mr. A. J. NORONHA is authorized to

Sign our Firm in Hongkong per Procur-

ation.

## NOTICE.

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

AT A MEETING of the CONSULTING COMMITTEE of the HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and the DIRECTORS of the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY Held on the 20th Instant, the following Resolution was carried unanimously:

"It is agreed between the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company and the China Fire Insurance Company, that on and after the 1st JULY PRECIMO, a CASH DISCOUNT OF 20 PER CENT. shall be allowed upon all Premiums, whether contributed by SHAREHOLDERS or not, in lieu of the ANNUAL BONUS hitherto declared after the Closing of each Year's Accounts."

By Order,  
For the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

For the China Fire Insurance Co., Limited,

JAMES B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, June 26, 1870.

## NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A NINTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 6th July, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th July.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 16th July, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & CO.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, July 1, 1870.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

## NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 16th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particular of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1870.

## NOTICE.

OUR OFFICE has TO-DAY been REMOVED to 8, Praya Central.  
REISS & CO.

Hongkong, July 1, 1870.

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globe

in favour of midnight marauders, it seems ridiculous that those who are supposed to guard our lives and property at night should be left without the simple and powerful aid of lamps; but our Police Force is altogether so fearfully and wonderfully constituted that hardly any discovery in connection with it would astonish us. There is this of course to be said,—that the Police arrangements are just now in a transition state. Captain Deane has just got back from Government his scheme for improving the efficiency of the night service. The scheme was only sent in February, so that not more than the usual Governmental delay has taken place. And it is possible that in some seven or eight years some alteration may be made, and life in Hongkong may be robbed of a few of the terrors that now surround it.

Our Overland edition (12 pp.) for to-morrow's English mail contains:—

**Editorial Articles.**—The Colonial Surgeon's Report, Chinese Views of the Spirit Farm, Current Topics, The Dress Question, Mr. Hennessy in Japan, Sir Harry Parkes and the Post Offices, A Grand Scheme, The Spirit Farm, and The Proposed Mail-day.

**General Articles.**—Chinese Note, The Chinese and the Spirit Farm Ordinance, The Late W. T. Merton, The Wreck of the "Shun Lee," Town Talk, Correspondence, Supreme Court, Singapore, Manila, Governor Hennessy in Japan, "The Hock Shimbin" on Mr. Hennessy, Mr. Hennessy's Address to the Tokio Chamber of Commerce, A Bit of Vituperation, Arrival of General Grant at Yokohama, A Thing that Must be Stopped, The Tea Race, Brutal Murder, The Hupeh Coal Mining Company, Opium Report, Latest Reuter's Telegrams, Colonial Surgeon's Report for 1878, Canton, Macao, Commercial Summary, Shipping Intelligence, and Miscellaneous.

We learn from Chinese sources, says the Amoy Gazette, that the 1st prize of Manila July Lottery was won by a native merchant of this place, whose Hong's name is Man Liang. The lucky number is said to be 7088.

The Hock Shimbin says:—It has been rumoured that we were on the eve of a rupture, because our activity in progress jars against the slow habits of the Chinese, and our recent movements in politics have roused their suspicion. As we have said already, our commercial relations with China are of great importance, and it is for the interest of both countries that we should be on good terms together. We should very much regret to lose our profitable trade with China on account of such bagatelles as either the Loochow or Corea; and it is not for the sake of trade alone that we so highly prize to live in peace with China. Our relations with China are an important element in our Eastern policy.

The finding of the Naval Court of Enquiry held at Chefoo, into the circumstances attending the wreck of the steamer *hunes*, briefly, that—the casualty was caused by the error in the working out of the sight made at 5 p.m. on the 13th June, and by the foggy weather, which prevented the land being seen. The Court regrets that the Master did not take soundings before retiring at 10.30 p.m., in which case he would have ascertained the proximity of the *Shun-lee* to the Aetchoon shore; at the same time, as the night was clear, and the master had every reason to suppose that land would be sighted 12 miles off, the Court does not feel justified in passing any censure on the Master with regard to this part. The Court considers that when the night grew foggy or hazy, it was the duty of the First Officer, Mr. Oliver Routledge Barnes, to have called the Master, and is compelled to censure Mr. Barnes for not having performed this part of his duty; but the Court does not consider the offence of Mr. Barnes sufficiently serious to call for a suspension or endorsement on his certificate. After the wreck, the Master, William John Paynter, seems to the Court to have behaved with great tact and presence of mind, in circumstances, that, considering the number of excited and insubordinate Chinese passengers, 96 in all, might, on any want of tact or presence of mind, have entailed serious consequences. For Mr. Paynter's conduct after the *Shun-lee* struck, the Court desires to express warm commendation.

The Committee of the Municipality of Shanghai, appointed to enquire into the serious accident which happened when General Grant was there, have given in their report. The substance of it we have already given in a sentence; we now have the report in full in the Shanghai paper. The Committee had to consider these questions:—

1.—What the material that exploded was, and of what it was composed.  
2.—Where it was obtained.  
3.—By whom it was obtained.  
4.—How it was ignited.

5.—Who is responsible for its introduction into the procession, and its use therein. And these the Committee answered seriatim as follows:

1st.—The composition which exploded was a powder, intended to produce, when burnt, a blue flame. It was mixed by Mr. Macdavid, Assistant Chemist to Messrs. C. S. Charlton & Co., said to have been in accordance with a receipt taken from Bessey's "Receipt Book," a standard work in the trade, and was according to the evidence given by him, composed of the following ingredients:—

9 parts Chlorate of Potash,  
1 part Cupphur.

2 parts Verdigris (or Acetate of Copper.)

A sample of powder mixed by Mr. Macdavid, and supplied to Captain Anderson of the "Awakening," admitted by Messrs. Charlton & Co. to have been made at same time and to be identically the same as that supplied to No. 2 Engine, has been handed to Messrs. Llewellyn & Co., for analysis, and their Report (marked A) is annexed.

According to the Report of the Analyst, the powder "is a compound of almost dangerous nature, liable to spontaneous combustion, and therefore necessitating extreme caution in its manipulation and the sum, measured in small quantities, and in shallow receptacles must be used."

The Committee would observe that the analysis of the power by Messrs. Llewellyn & Co. does not agree with the particulars of its composition as given by Messrs. Macdavid and Strachan, in their evidence.

2nd.—The powder was obtained from Messrs. C. S. Charlton & Co., Chemists, Shanghai.

3rd.—Mr. Jansen, a member of No. 2 Engine, of the same Company, gave the order for a quantity of red and blue fire to Messrs. C. S. Charlton & Co., and the powder which exploded was the blue fire supplied by them.

4th.—The Committee regret that to this important question they can give but an unsatisfactory answer. The evidence given by Mr. Strachan and Mr. Macdavid of Messrs. Charlton & Co., also that obtained from independent sources, tends to prove that the blue fire powder could not explode, as it did, by ignition, but that under certain circumstances it might do so by concussion. It further seems clear, from the evidence given, that the powder that exploded was not ignited; and, therefore, the only conclusion that the Committee can arrive at is, that the powder, which was being carried in an iron paint pot, was struck with force by some hard substance, such as instance, as the metal spoon used for placing the powder in the pitch ladies in which it was being burnt, and thus exploded.

The Committee admit that this conclusion is based upon slender evidence, but it is the one that, under the circumstances, tends to them the most probable.

5th.—Mr. Bruce, Foreman No. 2 Engine, is solely responsible for the introduction into the parade, of the powder which exploded, but it is only right to state in fairness to this gentleman, that he appears to have been quite unaware of the dangerous nature of the compound, and that he took ordinary precautions for its safe custody.

The use of the powder, as before mentioned, was to produce a blue fire for the purpose of illumination.

Courier.

The following is the report of the Directors of the China Trader's Insurance Co. Limited, for the year ended April 30th, to be presented to the shareholders at the thirteenth general meeting to be held on the 31st inst.:—

Chas. Clark, seaman, U. S. Ranger, was charged by N. Perry, P.S. 22, with assaulting a man named John Parker.

John Parker said he was a ward-room servant, and that defendant was a shipmate of his. He met defendant on shore about 6 p.m. yesterday in a public house. They had some drinks, and both were rather the worse for liquor. Defendant struck him, and he returned the blow; they knocked each other down in the street. Defendant struck him on the chest and he bled to the mouth and was taken to hospital by the Police.

John Prodina stated that he was proprietor of the British Crown Tavern. The evening before last the complainant and defendant came to his house. The complainant after some sky-larking with defendant, called the latter a bastard and other names, and then slapped defendant's face.

Defendant then struck him about the head and he fell against the table and began to bleed. Both were sober. Witness saw no pistol.

Defendant said he met complainant in the streets, and the latter asked him for a drink. He took him to the British Crown and gave him some liquor. "He cal'd me several names, calling me a bastard, and other names I don't like to mention." He afterward was seized by complainant, and defendant then knocked him down. Discharged.

Chas. Ganet and Chas. Adams, unemployed seamen, were charged with fighting and creating a disturbance in the street on the 12th instant. G. McDonald, P.C. 82, stated at 10.30 p.m. the defendants were fighting in the Queen's Road when "the big man put down the wee one." He separated them, but they wanted to fight again, so he took them to the Station.

1st defendant stated that he was coming out of a house, and 2nd defendant came up to him and struck him across the face with his jacket. He told him to go away, and 2nd defendant then called him a Dutch—n of a b—h. He took no notice of him and wanted to pass on, but he was again struck in the face with 2nd defendant's jacket. He then caught him and put him down. 2nd defendant said he was drunk.

2nd defendant fined \$1, in default, three days' imprisonment with hard labour.

Wong Ahlin, was charged with stealing a pair of shoes valued at 40 cents, the property of Ngai Akwai, stone-cutter.

Defendant admitted the charge and pleaded poverty. He has had no employment. Admits having been in jail in May last as suspicious character. He was unable to find security.

Four weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Tang Akum, rice pounder, was charged with the larceny of one box and clothing, valued at \$4, the property of Wong Abing, complainant.

Complainant stated that he and defendant lived in the same house. He recognised the box produced as his property.

It was in the cock loft when he went to sleep at about 9 or 10 o'clock last night.

At 3 a.m. to day he heard a noise, and on looking out saw defendant in charge of a police constable. He was carrying complainant's box.

P. O. (native) 234, stated that at about 3.50 to day he was at the corner of Tai-ping-hang Street, and saw defendant carrying the box in Court on his shoulder.

He stopped him and asked where he was going to. He replied to Shek Tong Tau. Asked what he had in the box, and told him to open it. Prisoner said he had not the key, and witness then said "we will return for the key." On returning to No. 8 square Street, witness called out the inmates, and complainant claimed the box, which he opened with a key from his girdle.

Ten weeks' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Charles Nelson, unemployed seaman, was charged with disorderly conduct and creating a disturbance at Queen's Road Central on the 16th inst.

John Dick, P. O. 62, stated that at 8.30 p.m. the defendant was making a great noise in the London Inn, and would not go away, so he took him to the station.

He was not very drunk.

Defendant admitted the charge and said he was easily affected by drink.

Discharged.

men have been sent to Kiating to find out if she had conveyed any of the missing money to her home. The policemen may be lucky enough to recover some of it, but their native modesty will restrain them from reporting their success; at any rate, no one supposes that the "money planters" will recover a farthing or dollar of their subterranean investments.

#### THE HUPEH COAL MINING COMPANY.

We publish elsewhere the continuation of the prospectus of the Hupeh Coal Mining Company, the first part of which has already appeared in our previous issue. The document is one of considerable interest, somewhat similar to the pamphlet which was drawn up by Mr. Tong King-ting, relative to the *Kai-ping* miners in Chihli, translations from which were published in the *China Mail* in the early part of last year. From this, however, the present project differs in the fact that it is purely a native Company attempting to develop the resources of the country by native methods. That the promoters themselves feel some doubt about its successful working appears from the unpretentious language they use in recommending it to the public. There is none of that desire to outwit the foreigner, with which such enterprises are too often launched. On the contrary, there is evinced a candid wish to imitate our western ways of securing competent men for positions of trust, and we cannot help thinking that the temperate advocacy of its projectors is likely to do the scheme no harm. The care which is taken to remove any suspicion of official connection probably a lesson gathered from the experience which has fallen similar undertakings. At any rate, the rapid extension of such organisations as the present cannot fail to quicken the public spirit of the empire, and there is no reason why a mining company conducting its operations in such a rich mineral tract as that comprised in the Yangtze Valley should not prove a success.

Three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Ho Achong, servant, was charged with stealing jewellery etc., valued at \$8, from Chan Sai Su, the prosecutrix.

On the 10th inst., at 8 p.m., defendant engaged complainant for the night. Between 4 and 5 a.m., next morning he asked to be let out, which was done. After prisoner's departure defendant went to sleep again, and on awaking at 9, she missed a jacket and trousers and pair of earrings. She reported the case to the police, and on the 13th inst., a constable and complainant went in search of prisoner, whom they met in West Street. She accused him with the theft, and on his being searched, two pawn tickets were found upon him. She then went to the pawnshop and presented the tickets, whereupon the jacket and trousers were restored to her.

Chan Akum, accountant of one of the pawn-shops, recognised the prisoner as the person who pawned the trousers in Court.

Law Aung, accountant of another pawnshop, said that the defendant brought to his shop the jacket produced.

Three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

July 12th.

Sir,—In reply to the letter of "Pips" in last night's paper, I shall only say a few words, but will endeavour to make them pointed and brief, as I have neither the time nor the inclination to enter into a correspondence with an individual like "Pips." The person shows himself in his true colours in the closing paragraph of his letter. The man who would mix "caustic soda" with his ink, is just the one who would make concrete of "scorby" in Hongkong. So I shall leave him to his favourite occupation of "unearthing" and throwing "dirt," and endeavour once more to pin him down to his own "challenge."

For "Pips'" information I have the honour to say that I am a Civil Engineer and not a "Rolling-stone," a "Jack-or-all-trades;" therefore he is in "talking" to the right man.

If the person "Pips" still adheres to his opinion, let him deposit his \$50 referred to with yourself, to cover mine, the forfeit to be handed, as he suggests, to the poor-box at the Magistracy. I will then, without waiting twelve months, show him samples of similar concrete to that now used on the Praya, which were put under sea-water as soon as made, and have remained there not only one year, but for upwards of ten years, and which have not "crumbled away to dust like an ant-hill," as the inexperienced "Pips" says it would do; moreover I am prepared to forfeit my wager if the person "Pips" can himself within a reasonable time, say one hour, break off a piece as large as his own "thick head" by any other means than "butting."

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#### Bangkok.

The U. S. Consular grounds were decorated with flags of the different nationalities, during the Fourth. H. M. the Second King's Band, under the leadership of Jacob Feit, Esq., enlivened the occasion with the best of music. The table was plentifully supplied with the choicest of refreshments, and led beverages. The visitors were very numerous who called upon the U. S. Consul.

The Missionaries are doing a good work. They are educating women at Potchaburi and at Bangkok. And there is a Boys' school at Bangkok which is a model for the country. They have good recitation halls, good dormitories, good accommodation for boarding, and teachers, that were even distinguished as teachers in America, and all these advantages are at a merely nominal expense to students.

Congous.—There have been no transactions reported on this market, and from Macao, shipments have been of much smaller extent than hitherto.

Scented Teas.—Moderate settlements in Ceylon have taken place; the greater portion were made in the earlier part of the period under review, but latterly there has been little desire shown by buyers to enter into further operations, except at a considerable decline on previous rates; at the moment, tea-owners are unwilling to concede to the reduction required to induce business to any extent, but as they are holders of large stocks, they will probably accept lower prices shortly. The purchases reported show no change in values, except for medium teas, the few settlements of which have been made at a decline of about one-tenth.

A small business is recorded in Pekoe;

"short leaf" teas continue in some demand, and purchases have been made at from Tls. 10 to 17 per picul, prices being rather in favor of buyers; "long leaf" teas have changed hands at former rates.

The following is a summary of the fortnight's business:—

Scented Caper, 10,100 boxes at Tls. 11 27 per picul; Scented Orange Pekoe, 5,200 boxes at Tls. 10 a 30 per picul.

Export of the various descriptions of Tea shipped from Canton Waters, (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date:—June 29, S. S. Stentor, Congon 9,600 lbs., S. Caper 211,067 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 18,165 lbs., total 238,832 lbs.; July 1, S. S. Tener, Congon 135,127 lbs., S. Caper 168,805 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 66,380 lbs., total 388,312 lbs.; 9, S. S. Awa, Congon 42,609 lbs., S. Caper 87,345 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 127,573 lbs., total 257,527 lbs.—

Making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 6,369,059 lbs.; against 7,477,662 for season 1878-79.

Silk.—Late advices by cable give the London value of No. 4 Teaties as 13/ per lb., while here to-day \$400 per picul=13/6 per lb. This quotation shows a drop of \$40 per picul in the past fortnight, and all classes of Teaties real have participated in the decline. Settlements in the first week 310 bales, and 315 bales have since been taken. All sorts have been dealt in. The late heavy rains are said to have proved不利 to the maturing of the third crop, and a somewhat short yield is consequently expected. Samples are looked for in the course of a few days.

Long reeves have again been in very limited request, and only 30 piculs of the usual kinds are reported settled.

Re-reeves.—In these sorts a moderate business has been transacted. Contracts are put at 590 boxes (mostly Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Cumchuck and Lucklow), and prices have been retrograded in nearly the same ratio as those for Teaties reeves.

Stock is estimated at about 2,500 bales Teaties, 100 bales Kowkong, 400 bales Cumchuck and Lucklow, and 800 boxes of inferior descriptions.

Export of Silk.—Export to date:—To London, 700 bales; to Continent, 2,018 bales; to America, 1,576 boxes; to Bombay, 807 piculs; total, 2,803 bales; and 1,576 boxes; 807 piculs. Of Waste, 486 bales, and Pierced Cocoons, 815 bales for Europe.

Waste.—Settlements 400 bales.

QUOTATIONS.

Teaties, ..... Caper, \$480

## Intimations

## NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Section, about 64 miles, of the Company's GUTZLAFF NAGASAKI CABLE has been RE-LAID from the South to the North of the PARKER, SADDLES and BARREN ISLANDS in a curve from GUTZLAFF to the NORTH SADDLE, running along ELLIOT, CHESNEY and SIDE SADDLE, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile distant, and from the NORTH SADDLES LIGHT, bearing South, 1 mile distant, in an E. by S. direction about 31 miles, passing the BARREN ISLANDS until these bear W. & N. distance 6 miles, where the Cable is again spliced into the old Line running in a straight Line about E. N. E. till midway between PAJAS ROCK and MEASIMA (Ases East) on the coast of Japan.

GEORGE J. HELLAND,  
General Agent.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH  
COMPANY,  
HEAD OFFICE,  
Shanghai, June 20, 1879.

## Mails.

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CHINA  
will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On these Through PASSAGES to EUROPE, a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., the 16th Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, July 5, 1879.

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## NOTICE.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

## MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

## STEAM FOR

## SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

## POINT DE GALLE.

## ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT

## SAID, NAPLES, AND

## MARSEILLES;

Also,  
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA  
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON TUESDAY, the 22nd of July, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. DJEMNAH, Commandant DIDER, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 21st of July, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, July 9, 1879.

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## TO LET.

## (On Puddar's Wharf.)

OFFICES, fronting the Harbour, and GODOWNS; with possession from the 1st of July next.

Apply to G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, June 14, 1879.

TO LET.

## HOUSES—No. 9, ZETLAND STREET,

## and No. 7, FEDDAR'S HILL.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, April 29, 1879.

"ROSE VILLAS"—FURNISHED OR  
UNFURNISHED.

BONHAM ROAD.

WITH Large TENNIS LAWN.

Apply to SHARP & DANBY,

No. 6, Queen's Road Central,

late Messrs E. D. SASOON & CO.

Hongkong, May 10, 1879.

TO LET.

MARINE HOUSE—WEST.

SECOND FLOOR and a GODOWN.

OFFICES in Queen's Road, now under

the occupation of Messrs WILSON & BIRD,

and Messrs DAVIS & CO.

Also,

OFFICES and GODOWN in DUNNELL

STREET.

Apply to E. R. BELLIOS.

Hongkong, May 21, 1879.

TO LET.

## Mails.

## SWISS LLOYD

## TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY

## OF WINTERTHUR.

INSURANCES granted on MARINE  
RISKS to all parts of the World.

MEYER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 8, 1879.

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## INSURANCES.

## FIRE AND LIFE.

INSURANCES against FIRE granted at  
Current Rates. Considerable Reduction  
in Premium for LIFE Insurance in  
China.

A. MCIVER, Superintendent.

HONGKONG, JULY 1, 1879.

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Hongkong, June 2, 1879.

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Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

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